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SUBJ: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES: SIX THOUSAND MAY LEAVE
OFFICIALLY

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1. AMBASSADOR CLAUDE CHAYET OF FOREIGN MINISTRY
VOLUNTEERED TO CONGEN AT LUNCHEON APRIL 4 THAT VIETNAM-
ESE OFFICIALS HAD INFORMED HIM A FEW DAYS AGO THAT SRV
ANTICIPATED PERMITTING 6,000 INHABITANTS OF VIETNAM TO
LEAVE OVER NEXT NINE MONTHS. VIETNAMESE DID NOT GIVE
INDICATION OF BREAKDOWN OF THESE FIGURES BUT CHAYET
SPECULATED THAT THEY WOULD INCLUDE:

(1) APPROXIMATELY 2500 LAOTIANS TO WHOM FRANCE ALREADY
HAD AUTHORIZED VISAS TO FRANCE, (2) SOME DUAL NATIONALS,
WHO MIGHT REPEAT MIGHT INCLUDE AMERICANS, AND (3) VIET-
NAMESE WITH SOME FAMILY OR OTHER TIES TO FRANCE.

2. CHAYET SPECULATED THAT ONE OF THE REASONS VIETNAM-
ESE HAVE COME TO SUCH A DECISION MIGHT BE PRESENT FOOD
SHORTAGES IN VIETNAM.

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3. CHAYET BELIEVES THIS INFORMATION TO BE ACCURATE
AND AUTHORIZED TO BE RELAYED TO CHAYET BY SRV. VIET-
NAMESE DIPLOMATS HAD, HOWEVER, RAISED THIS ISSUE ONLY
INTER-ALIA WITH CHAYET. CHAYET CONCLUDED THAT THIS
GESTURE MIGHT INDICATE A LESSENING IN THE "DIFFICULTIES"
IN FRANCO-SRV RELATIONS REFERRED TO IN REFTELS.
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